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Maj. Gen. W. Bedell Smith, Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

My dear General Smith:

Thank you very much for accepting Admiral Johnson's invitation to be the speaker at our graduation exercises at 0930, 21 December, in the Main Auditorium at the Naval Receiving Station.

So that you may have a little background, the following information is submitted:

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The class will graduate 73 officers which include. besides Regular and Naval Reserve male officers, one Wave, one U.S. Marine Corps officer, and of your agency. In connection with the last-named he has been on duty at the school at the school of Methods as a Reserve Army officer and not as a CIA member. The graduates of the school will in part go to the Language Division for linguistic training, but the majority will go to advance posts including the Office of Naval Intelligence, attache assignments, fleet assignments, and District Intelligence Offices.

It has been the practice in the past to invite wives and relatives of the graduating students to the exercises and it is believed that the morale benefit from this procedure offsets the limitations imposed on the speaker from a classification standpoint.

I know that you will be pressed for time so that I shall introduce you immediately and without superfluous words in order that you may do us the honor of presenting the diplomas following your talk.

I understand that Admiral Johnson will accompany you and therefore offers of transportation and sailing directions would be superfluous. I am looking forward to seeing you again after these many years.

Very sincerely yours,

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